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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (NO FEE)

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

The Fee Calculation (No Fee Due) is on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. section 1.8)

I hereby certify that this amendment and any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below in an envelope as first class mail with sufficient postage addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: October 27, 2004 _____

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Fee Calculation (No Fee Due)

ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before Preliminary Amendment)						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	27	*27	0	0 x $9.00	4 x $18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	4	**5	0	0 x $44.00	0 x $88.00	0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				$150.00	$300.00	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						$0.00
List Independent Claims: 14, 24, 28, 40						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Original): A method for controlling access to a multicast group in a data communication network, comprising:

receiving a CGMP join message from a router regarding an end station;

determining whether a multicast group in the CGMP join message conforms with a multicast group authorization associated with the end station; and